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SUBJ: FISHING VESSELS

REF: INTERNATIONAL PROTEIN CORP LETTER OF MAR 23

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED SEBASTIAN PINTO AND FOUND THAT ONLY THREE OF THE REFERENCED VESSELS ARE IN ZAIRE. THE M/V MONA IS STILL IN ANGOLA. THE PASCO CAMINO HAS BEEN REHABILITATED TO A TRAWLER AND THE GOZ HAS CONTRACTED TO BUY IT. DUE TO THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHORTAGE, HOWEVER, UNDERSTAND NO PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE. THE TWO SHRIMPERS, THE CRISTINA AND THE ZAINE, ARE TIED UP IN BANANA AND ARE NOT BEING USED. PINTO CLAIMS THAT INTERNATIONAL PROTEIN WELL AWARE OF THE ABOVE. THERE APPEARS TO BE A LEGAL PROBLEM HERE NOT INDICATED IN LETTER. IT INVOLVES A \$2 MILLION DESPOSITDUE THE FORMER ANGOLAN PARTNER SUPPOSEDLY TAKEN ILLEGALLY BY INTERNATIONAL PROTEINS. PINTO AVERS THAT THE CRISTINA AND THE ZAINE WILL THEREFORE NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL HE RECEIVES THE APPROVAL OF HIS NEW YORK LAWYERS. HE DID NOT HAVE NAMES WITH HIM BUT PROMISED TO GIVE THEM TO COMATT FOLLOWING DAY.

2. WILL ADVISE LAWYER'S NAME ASAP.

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